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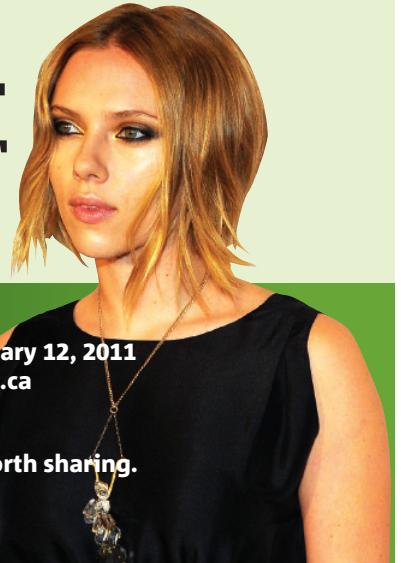
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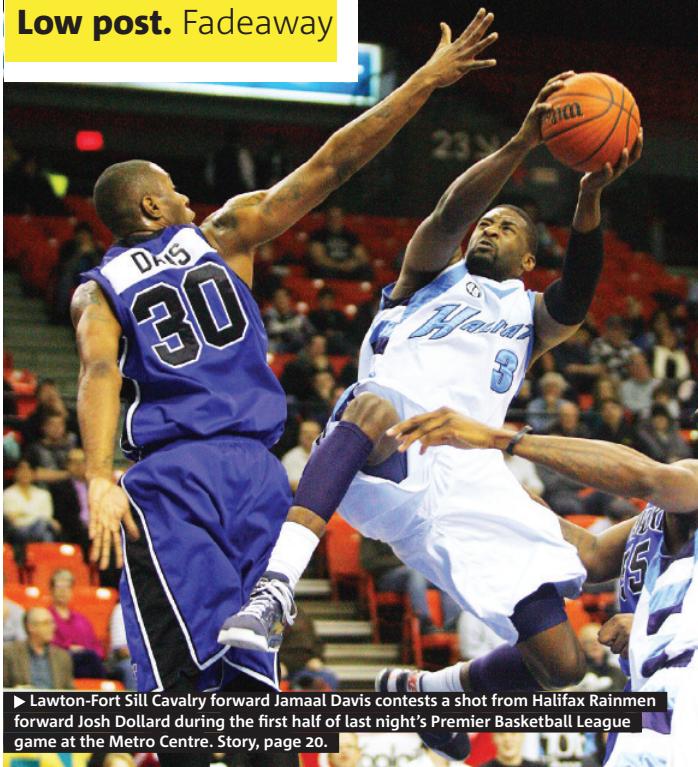
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► Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry forward Jamaal Davis contests a shot from Halifax Rainmen forward Josh Dollar during the first half of last night's Premier Basketball League game at the Metro Centre. Story, page 20.

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Premier adds 2 to cabinet roll

► Inner circle at 14 members, up from 12 but still down from 18 inherited by premier ► Opposition leader says additions add to list of NDP's broken campaign promises

Premier Darrell Dexter revealed his government's first cabinet shuffle yesterday, expanding his executive council by two and assigning a new mix of portfolios to some existing ministers.

At a ceremony at Province House, Dexter announced Dave Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid) and Charlie Parker (Pictou West) will join his cabinet. That brings the number of ministers up to 14 — something opposition members pointed out goes back on an election promise to keep cabinet slim.

"We've now had 19 months with a very, very small cabinet," Dexter said.

"Here we have a big job in front of us ... (This) will allow us to get on with what is going to be some tough months in terms of get-

ting ourselves back to balance."

Parker stepped down as Speaker of the House to accept the position of minister of natural resources and minister of energy.

Stepping into the role of the Speaker is Gordie Gossé of Cape Breton Nova.

Wilson will lead the new Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. He will also be the minister responsible for the gaming corporation.

There are a few new departments in name — Education has been split into Education and Advanced Education, for instance. There are also several departmental amalgamations, such as the Department of Health and Wellness — a combination of Health and Health Promotion and Protection. ■ ALEX BOUTILIER

Rainmen lose by 11 to PBL champs

The Cavalry, who are the defending league champions, beat the Rainmen 105-94, giving Halifax its first loss of the season.

2 months for Rehberg No. 2

Cross-burner receives sentence similar to brother's {page 3}

Local Mountie's legacy lives

Widow travels to Haiti to honour quake casualties {page 6}



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N.S. Tories shrug off defection

Senior Nova Scotia Conservatives say they are moving on after the sudden defection of former interim leader Karen Casey.

Executive members of Casey's riding association issued a statement yesterday reaffirming their support for provincial leader Jamie Baillie, who was acclaimed leader last August.

Constituency president Glen Rankin said the vote was unanimous and the association would start the

process of looking for a new candidate for the rural district of Colchester North.

"Our constituency executive, who have worked hard to elect a Progressive Conservative candidate in the past two elections, have unanimously affirmed our support of the PC Party of Nova Scotia and our leader Jamie Baillie," Rankin said.

He said voters in Colchester North are fortunate to have Baillie representing the neighbouring con-

No comment

► Meredith Naylor, executive director for the Colchester North Liberal Party, refused comment and forwarded all media requests to a Liberal party spokesperson when contacted by Metro.

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stituency of Cumberland South.

Rankin said the Monday

meeting included members from across the constituency, including Nova Scotia MP Scott Armstrong and Bill Langille, a former member of the legislature.

Baillie has said he was surprised and saddened by the defection, which he described as a "bump along the way."

Casey crossed the floor to the Opposition Liberals on Monday, saying she made the move because Nova Scotia voters had told



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her the Tories had abandoned their rural roots.

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Second brother says he 'screwed up'

► Younger Rehberg brother to serve as much prison time as elder, despite co-operation and guilty plea



ALEX BOUTILIER
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Justin Rehberg said he "screwed up" prior to being sentenced to two months in jail for his part in burning a two-metre cross on the lawn of an interracial couple near Windsor last year.

Provincial court Judge Claudine MacDonald sentenced Rehberg, 20, to two concurrent two-month sentences for criminal harassment and inciting hatred. He also faces 30 months of probation upon the completion of his jail time, and must abstain from the consumption of alcohol or drugs during that time.

"I wish to say I am sorry. I screwed up," Rehberg told the court yesterday.

"And it won't happen again."

The sentence is similar to that of Nathan Rehberg,

Victims away

► Shayne Howe and Michelle Lyon, the interracial couple who had the cross burned on their lawn, were not in court yesterday.

Justin's older brother, who was given six months in jail for the act on Monday.

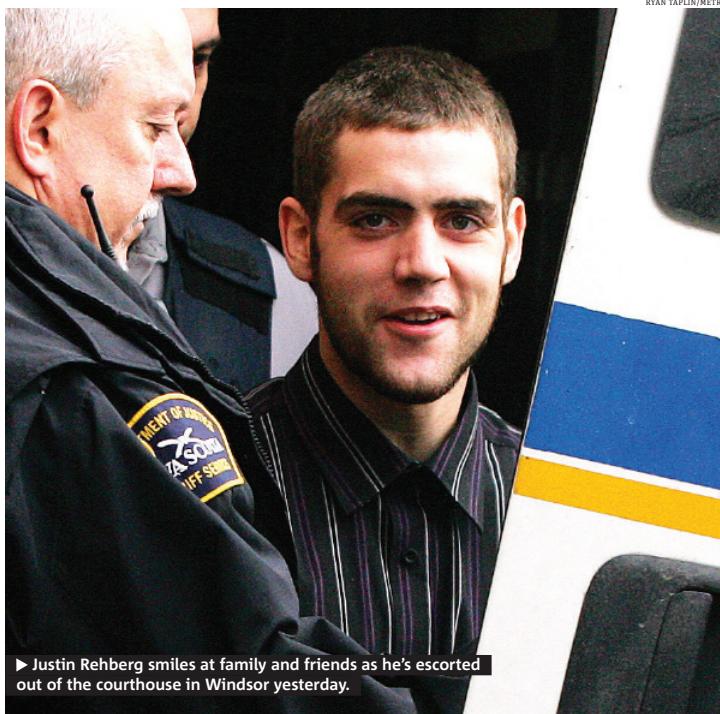
Because the 21-year-old Nathan was granted double credit for time spent in custody prior to his sentencing, he only needs to serve two months of the sentence.

Crown attorney Darrell Carmichael said he would have preferred harsher sentences for both brothers. But he said he hopes the precedent established in what is believed to be Canada's first hate-crime trial for cross-burning will not have to be used in the future.

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► Justin Rehberg smiles at family and friends as he's escorted out of the courthouse in Windsor yesterday.

Up to 30 cm of white stuff on the way: Environment Canada

Environment Canada upgraded a winter storm watch to a snowfall warning yesterday for the Halifax area, and by last night was calling for between 15 and 30 centimetres of snow by tomorrow morning.

The forecast was calling for the snow to begin early this afternoon, with local blowing snow also possible.

The storm was expected to hit the southern part of the province this morning, then move northeastward.

The highest snowfall amounts are expected in the inland areas of central and western Nova Scotia.

This storm is expected to be the second significant snowfall this week. On Sunday, parts of HRM received

Maybe rain

► Over southwestern Nova Scotia and parts of the Atlantic coast, Environment Canada says the snow could change to rain.

between 15 and 17 centimetres of snow.

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News in brief

Water main break closes streets

A mid-afternoon water main break resulted in the closure of Tower Road between Inglis and Atlantic streets in south-end Halifax yesterday.

Water service to Rogers Drive, Bower Road, Tower

Road and Harrington Drive was also interrupted, a release from HRM said. ● METRO

Male mugged outside school

Police say someone claiming to have a weapon robbed a male walking near Dartmouth High School yesterday.

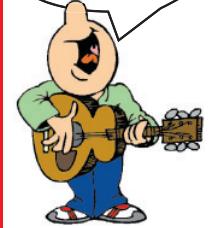
Police say the victim's iPod was stolen, and the male suspect fled on foot.

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Plans for new terminal altered

► No elevator in new design of Dartmouth terminal, but green roof to remain ► Costs went up when pyritic slate was discovered on the site



Halifax regional council is expecting a public backlash because the pedestrian bridge is being removed from the plans for the new Dartmouth bus terminal.

Staff told council yesterday the project is budgeted at \$9.5 million but the bids came in at over \$12 million. The much-awaited terminal will be located behind the Dartmouth Sportsplex.

Taking out the pedestrian bridge will save at least \$1.2 million in excavation

costs because the platform will be raised by 1.5 metres. "One of the big things with this terminal is accessibility, and now that's gone," said Coun. Gloria McCluskey.

She said the bridge was a big reason why a number of people got on board with the project. But staff assured council the terminal will still be fully accessible, just by different routes.

A number of councillors clamoured for public con-

New design

A new design and further details will be brought to council on Feb. 1 before they are presented to the public at a community council meeting on Feb. 3.

sultation before construction begins in April.

"These are major changes," said Coun. Jim Smith.

Coun. Sue Uteck said the project was a nightmare from the beginning, citing cost overruns and a lack of public consultations.

She said council is setting itself up for "horror show."

Whether it's \$9.5 million or \$12 million, Coun. Tim Outhit said, council should make a decision right away.

But Coun. Jerry Blumenthal said he wants to "see what I'm voting for."

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Fourth ferry part of council's strategy

Design consultations are underway for a fourth ferry.

It is expected to be ready by 2013 and will run out of Woodside, augmenting the single ferry that operates there now.

Council voted yesterday to approve in principle a five-year plan for ferries which will also see improvements to the ferry terminals.

Council also approved in principle a strategy for increasing the Access-A-Bus program. Right now, people needing a special-needs bus must book at least eight days in advance. Metro Transit recently acquired six

new Access-A-Buses and are hoping to get two a year for the next three years. They want the waiting times reduced to 24 hours by 2012.

Staff was tasked yesterday with coming back to council with more details on their plan, including using taxis to alleviate demand. Several councillors said the taxi idea was tried and failed years ago because it wasn't profitable for the cab companies.

A Metro Transit spokeswoman told council it will take several months to research the taxi issue.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

PARKING

Ban hours may change

Halifax regional council is going to get a committee report on nudging the hours of the winter parking ban.

The motion was quickly approved without debate at council last night.

Coun. Jennifer Watts wants council to consider changing the hours of the ban from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m., to 2 a.m. to 5 a.m., so as to better accommodate on-street parking for customers at late-night businesses.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Sports field user fees up

Playing baseball and soccer just got more expensive in HRM.

The first increase of user fees for soccer and ball fields since they were introduced in 1999 packs quite a wallop: They went up 110 per cent. Staff recommended kids pay \$5 an hour more and adults pay \$10 an hour more.

Council voted to phase in the increase for kids over two years, but adults will have to pay the full increase this year.

"We're going hog wild with the oval but what about the kids going to the ballparks?" said Coun. Jerry Blumenthal.

Interim CAO Wayne Anstey said they need the money to maintain the fields. Seven per cent of

"I don't think the kids should pay anything. We ought to be a municipality that lets their kids play for free."

COUN. JIM SMITH

the \$2.5 million a year spent on maintenance comes from user fees.

While some councillors insisted kids should be able to play for free, others suggested users should pay instead of putting it all on the taxpayer.

"We've got to come to a time that if you want to use these facilities, you've got to pay for it," said Coun. Russell Walker.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

CBRM follows HRM's lead

Allowing council to have direct input into the size and shape of Cape Breton regional council is seen as a "permissible conflict of interest," but that doesn't have to be the case, says municipal clerk Bernie White.

"Municipal council shouldn't be the applicant in this process. The people, if they take up their responsibility or opportunity, are the ones who are

going to dictate what happens here," he said.

In following Halifax Regional Municipality's lead, the CBRM council has voted in favour of a resolution that calls for the province to introduce changes to the Municipal Government Act, which removes municipalities from the process of reviewing its own district boundaries and size of councils.

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Charges in break-in

News in brief

Man facing drug charges

DARTMOUTH. A 46-year-old Dartmouth man is facing drug trafficking charges after police searched a residence on Russell Street on Monday evening.

Police say marijuana, cannabis resin, prescription medication, cash and drug paraphernalia was all seized. The man will appear in court Feb. 23.

SCOTIA SQUARE. A man and a woman are both facing charges after police say a group of people broke into a restaurant inside the Scotia Square Food Court just after midnight yesterday.

Police say two females and three males were inside the restaurant, attempting to open the cash registers, but fled when police arrived.

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Poll shows big support for reduced tuition

► Students finishing undergraduate program leave with average debt of \$30,000: University association



Most people in the province believe tuition fees in Nova Scotia need to be reduced, according to a poll released yesterday.

The poll conducted by Opinion Search Research for the Nova Scotia Post-Secondary Education Coalition asked 810 people in the province about current tuition rates and the influence the government has on post-secondary education.

The poll shows 83 per cent support reducing the cost of tuition. Another 88 per cent believe post-secondary education should be a higher priority for the provincial government, and that they should be taking the initiative to increase funding instead of slashing it.

"We don't want students to take on a mortgage-like debt," said Gabe Hoogers, the Nova Scotia representative with the Canadian Federation of Students, in discussing the figures.

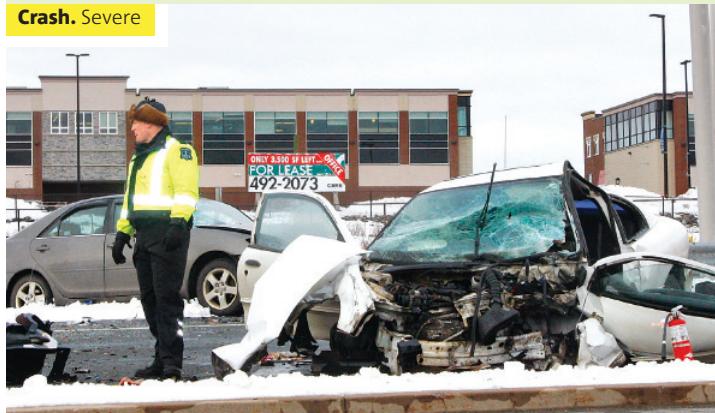
The poll also shows 59

Poll highlights

- Sixty-eight per cent who qualify for college or university don't have the opportunity to go because of high tuition.
- Forty-seven per cent believe tuition makes it harder to bring students from out of province.

per cent of people would be willing to pay higher taxes to increase government funding in reducing tuition costs.

Crash. Severe



► An officer stands next to a smashed-up Pontiac Sunfire that was involved in a head-on collision on Highway 118 at Dartmouth Crossing yesterday morning.

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Two injured in head-on crash

Halifax Regional Police say the 7:40 a.m. accident occurred when the male driver of the Sunfire crossed the median, glanced off an SUV heading in the opposite direction and then struck another vehicle head-on. The jaws of life had to be used to remove the man from his Sunfire. He was then taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, along with a female passenger from the other car.

Single housing starts up

Single housing starts finished up 19 per cent in Halifax for 2010, despite a small dip last month.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation year-end figures also showed a 57 per cent increase for 2010 in multiple starts.

N.S. gets a B for red tape

Nova Scotia gets a B in the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses' second Provincial Report Card grading progress on red-tape reduction by the federal and provincial governments. The province was tied with Newfoundland and Labrador. The federal government was graded C+. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spending up at Celtic festival

Organizers of Cape Breton's annual Celtic Colours International Festival say the latest event was an economic success. The festival says audience spending during last October's celebration was up 13 per cent from 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Haiti still struggling one year after quake

► Government and international community criticized for inaction

The man's body lay face down, his white shirt shining like wax in the sun as he was unearthed in the ruins of a Port-au-Prince restaurant a year after the earthquake.

The bodies still being found in the rubble are a sign of how far Haiti has to go to recover from a disaster that left the capital in ruins and is estimated to have killed more than 230,000 people.

As the dust was still settling from the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster, volunteers and hundreds of aid groups flocked in with food, water and first aid that saved countless lives. But the effort to rebuild has been dwarfed by the size of the tragedy and,

perhaps most fatally, the lack of Haitian and international leadership and co-ordination of more than 10,000 non-governmental organizations.

President René Préval did not speak publicly for days after the quake. He has been seen by most Haitians as ineffective at best, and many observers have criticized him for not spearheading reconstruction or making the hard policy decisions needed to rebuild.

Advocacy groups also blame much of the Haitian government's weakness on an international community that is not keeping its pledge of support.

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Mountie's widow journeys to Haiti for memorial

One year after a Mountie from New Brunswick was killed in Haiti's devastating earthquake, family members and friends say his legacy of caring and giving lives on.

Sgt. Mark Gallagher, a well-known spokesman for the RCMP in the Maritimes, was in Port-au-Prince as part of the United Nations training force when the earthquake struck the island country on Jan. 12, 2010.

Gallagher's wife Lisa has travelled to Haiti to be part of ceremonies today to remember the more than 220,000 people killed, including her husband and RCMP Chief Supt. Doug Coates.

Her sister, Rosemarie Willis of Moncton, N.B., said Lisa was invited by the RCMP to be part of the event.

"She's going to go see where her husband died, the actual place where her



husband died," Willis said. "It's really going to be hard."

Willis said Gallagher felt a need to be in Haiti and to do all he could to help the people there.

She said he was bothered by the fact that people in Canada have so much, but the people of Haiti had so little.

Willis is chairwoman of the Friends of Mark Gallagher Association.

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School's in

The Friends of Mark Gallagher Association is trying to raise money to build and help run a school in Haiti.

► The school is to be called the Mark Gallagher Memorial Vocational School.

► It will replace a school in Rivière Froide that was destroyed in the earthquake last January.

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Housing bubble concerns seem out the window

► December's seasonally adjusted annual rate of urban starts was down 9.8 per cent in Atlantic Canada

Canada's housing market appears to be heading for a soft landing in 2011, with the pace of home-construction slowing last month — easing concern that a glut of new properties will come on the market and undercut real-estate prices.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reported yesterday that home starts fell to an annualized 171,500 last month, well down from November's annualized rate of 198,200 units.

Most of the decline was attributed to fewer multiple-family dwelling units — condos and apartment buildings — although single-family housing starts also fell.

Recent data suggest that starts are on a downward track toward the 170,000 number that many believe is the sustainable level of new homes in Canada,

down from an estimated 192,500 units in 2010.

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Fewer permits

On Monday, Stats Canada reported that building permits fell 11.2 per cent in November from the previous month.

► Permit value

The value of residential permits declined 7.2 per cent in November.

► What it means

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► Models pose with the new Chrysler 300 at the North American International Auto Show.

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Industry revs up for auto show

Thousands from the global automotive industry are gathered in Detroit this week for 30 to 40 worldwide vehicle debuts, as well as exchanging ideas and strategies that affect global economics. The show, which opens to the public Jan. 15, has long echoed the mood of the industry.

MySpace cuts jobs

Struggling entertainment site MySpace said yester-

day that it is cutting nearly half of its staff worldwide, or about 500 people, after an extensive revamp allowed it to be run with fewer people.

Mike Jones, the chief executive of MySpace, said cuts are "tough but necessary" and would put the site on a path to profitability while making it more nimble and entrepreneurial.

Late last year, it had around 120 million global users, compared with more than half a billion for Facebook.

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BALANCE IS KEY TO MANAGING FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

With Canadians top financial priority being to pay down their debts, it can be challenging for them to comfortably make investments at the same time.

The key is to take a balanced approach, says Trish Domingo, an investment and retirement planner with RBC Financial Group.

"If you get to a point where you completely pay off your mortgage and you have no investments on the other side of the balance sheet, then how are you going to draw down on that asset - the house - later

on, other than having to sell it or borrow down the road?" asks Domingo.

One way to achieve a balance is to invest in RRSPs because they reduce a person's taxable income. The money saved could then be used to further pay down one's mortgage.

Domingo says Canadians top three priorities are to pay down debt, save for retirement and save for their children's education.

"We always talk to our clients about having a plan in place," says Domingo. She cautions that without a plan, it is difficult to achieve one's goals.

Domingo recommends people sit down with their families to discuss their goals and then sit down with an RBC advisor to come up with a plan to achieve them.

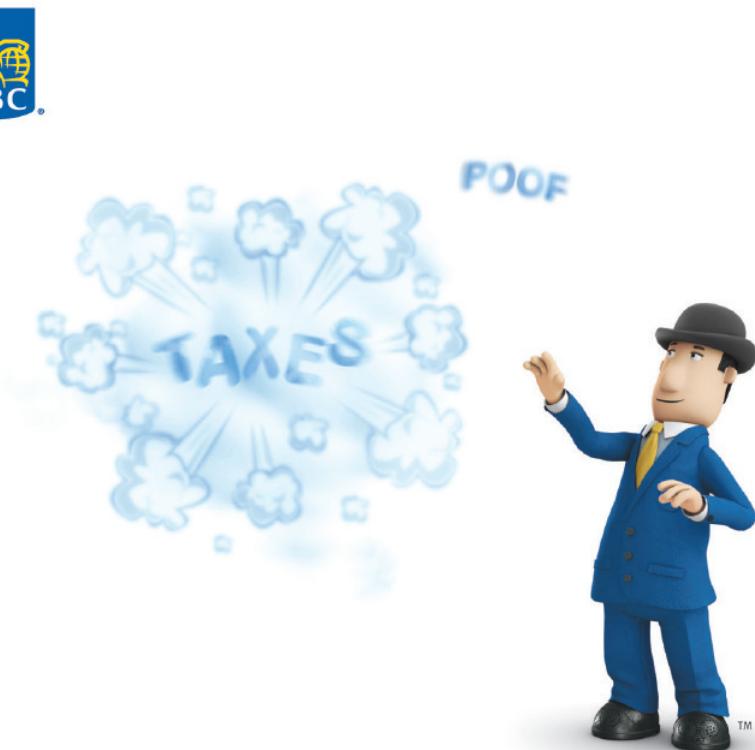
In planning for one's retirement, people should take advantage of pension plans or group RRSPs offered by their employees. While some people might feel these will be enough for their retirement needs, that isn't necessarily true.

"It's going to depend on every individual's needs," says Domingo.

A pension might be sufficient for people with modest lifestyles, but for people who plan on travelling, taking courses or maintaining and living at multiple properties in retirement, they are likely going to need additional savings, she says.

Couples must also work together to balance their respective priorities and work on their plan, especially given circumstances change frequently.

"It's extremely important to make sure there is open conversation with the couple and they both understand what their goals are and what their contributions need to be in order to reach those goals," says Domingo.



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There are three steps to creating a budget:

1. The first step is to look at one's spending and see where their money is going. It is important to also cut out unnecessary spending.
2. The second step is to look at how one's spending fits into their long-term financial plan.
3. The final step is to track one's ongoing spending to make sure they are meeting their objectives.

SAY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING: EWWW

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



I'm sorry. The only way I can look at 84-year-old Hugh Hefner's recent engagement to 24-year-old Crystal Harris is as a dad.

If I was Crystal's dad and she came home with an 84-year-old beau, I'd have the old geezer arrested for child abuse. Or at least blond abuse.

What is she thinking? The Playboy of the Western World is way past his best before date. Never mind what he's thinking. In fact, I don't want to know what he's thinking.

She's probably thinking: "This won't take long."

Even if it lasts a week and he expires with a smile on his face, is there any dad alive who wants his pride and joy to marry the

world's oldest boy?

But the one who is really upset is Holly Madison, the former Hooters girl and Hef's ex-No. 1. He broke up with her because he didn't want to get married. As if?! Now he's marrying this Crystal. Stay tuned for Holly's tell-all, coming up on her reality show, Holly's World, Jan. 29.

I'm not making this up.

Hefner has been exploiting women for more than 60 years, and I guess it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. Obviously, he is determined to die with his boots on. Or, you could argue, it's a clever strategy. Back

in the day, Hef kept a harem of seven or eight Playboy bunnies at the mansion. Now he's pledging to be faithful to Crystal

alone, which is probably a great relief when you're 84, even with Viagra.

Of course, the perpetual party is mainly a myth. Hefner stays home and watches movies or plays cards with his aged cronies. He likes old movies. Crystal's favourite movie is The Little

Mermaid. She was three when it was released, and it has stayed with her ever since.

I guess you could see the Playboy Mansion as a sheltered

workshop for silicon-stuffed airheads who couldn't keep your order straight at McDonald's. Who else would think it's a good idea to marry an octogenarian who listens to Bix Beiderbecke on his Victrola?

But silicon-stuffed airheads are people, too, and deserve to be protected from the depredations of rabbit zombies. I have half a mind to get out the pitchforks and the torches, storm the mansion and rescue Crystal from the clutches of Hef the Impaler. (That's if his Viagra prescription has been renewed).

Then I'll send her home to bed without her supper. Or Hef, for that matter.

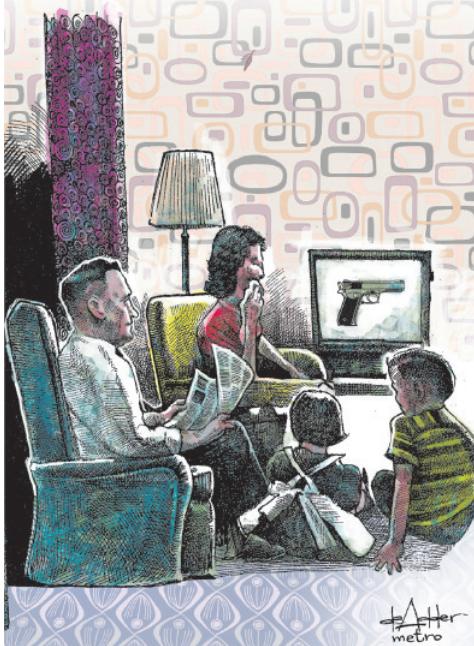


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MICHAEL DE ADDER

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Hate confused with anger

Letters & Tweets

Re: Michael de Adder Jan. 10 cartoon

CALGARY. The cartoon in Monday's Metro portraying Sarah Palin and the tea party movement in the U.S. as "hateful" is highly objectionable. Prior to any investigation of the tragedy in Tucson, Ariz., (cartoonist Michael) de Adder is attributing blame to the conservative movement of the U.S.

Palin has not demonstrated any hateful intent. De Adder is confusing hate with anger. The tea partiers demand from their elected officials respect for the rule of law with regards to illegal immigration and demand fiscal responsibility from

Tucson tragedy



state and U.S. federal officials. This is not hateful, it's responsible. **J.A. ZWAHLEN**

TORONTO. What's hateful about having certain principles such as wanting a smaller government, not believing illegal immigrants should jump the line and get a free pass, advocating for personal responsibility (in

other words, nixing the nanny state), desiring lower taxes, etc., etc.?

Newsflash: I'll tell you what's hateful. When people who don't agree with other people's points of view resort to lies by using the "hate card," simply because they have no other sensible argument to make.

RACHAEL BLOOMFIELD

Which one of your habits do you wish you could break?

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Metro Minute at photography exhibit

A new photography exhibit showcasing front line health-care workers helping underserved populations is on display at a local hospital. Beyond Barriers: Photographs From The Frontlines Of Health is being shown in the lobby of the Halifax Infirmary site of the QEII Health Sciences Centre via the Summer Street entrance through Jan. 28.

The display features the work of Capital Health's Mobile Outreach Street Health team, which provides accessible primary health-care services for people who are homeless, insecurely housed, street involved or underserved in our community, a QEII release says. A team of award-winning Canadian photographers took the photos. • METRO



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New album



Canadian pop

star Avril Lavigne has released the lead single off her forthcoming album, *Goodbye Lullaby*. The first single, *What the Hell*, was made available digitally yesterday in the lead up to the release of her fourth album,

due Mar. 8. In a blog post late last year, Lavigne expressed frustration with her label and the delayed release of the new album.

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HOLLYWOOD'S CAUTIONARY TALE

In Focus

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The Dilemma takes a funny look at infidelity when Vince Vaughn finds his friend's wife has been cheating

Sometimes it seems like Hollywood is obsessed with infidelity, both on screen and off. Celebrity cheating scandals — Jesse and the porn star, Tiger and, well, er... everyone — covered the front pages recently and Zsa Zsa Gabor once famously said, "How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?"

Even supposedly happily-ever-after Tinseltown couples preemptively guard against unfaithfulness by signing "cheat-proof" prenups.

Catherine Zeta-Jones has a legal infidelity clause with Michael Douglas and it's rumoured that Denise

Richards and Charlie Sheen signed one worth more than four million dollars.

In this weekend's *The Dilemma*, a funny take on infidelity, Vince Vaughn discovers his best friend's wife is having an affair.

There have been adultery comedies before, but usually on screen in American films there is a price to be paid for matrimonial betrayal.

Ever since the first cheating Hollywood movie, 1915's *Infidelity*, movies like *The End of the Affair*, *Body Heat* and *Derailed* have shown the consequences of bed hopping, but one movie stands head and shoulder above the rest as a cautionary tale.

Fatal Attraction begins with Michael Douglas, a married man, who has a fling with Glenn "I'm not gonna be ignored" Close.

When he tries to break off their affair, she

There have been adultery comedies before, but usually on screen in American films there is a price to be paid for matrimonial betrayal.

becomes a lesson in why not to cheat on your wife.

The film was a sensation in 1987 and its most famous clip, the rabbit boiling on the stove scene, even inspired a phrase in the Urban Dictionary.

According to their website, cook your rabbit "refers to the moment when someone goes over the edge in their obsession with another person."

Fatal Attraction was a box office bonanza, inspiring a number of imitators including *The Crush*, *Single White Female* and a spoof called *Fatal Instinct*.

More poignant is *Same Time Next Year*, the story of a 26-year long affair. Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn star as an extramarital couple who rendezvous once a year from youth to old age.

Based on a stage play by Canadian Bernard Slade, it's a nice mix of humour — when asked how many kids he has Alda lies, saying two rather than three, saying, "I thought it would make me seem less married," — and emotion.

Perhaps the strangest infidelity movie on our list is *Come with Me My Love*, a supernatural tale about a man who kills his cheating wife, then commits suicide, only to come back as a ghost 50 years later to haunt his old apartment.

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Divorce taking its toll on Johansson

► Actress recently split with Ryan Reynolds ► New bachelor being linked to Sandra Bullock ► Johansson spotted smoking and 'looking like a mess'

Scarlett Johansson was spotted at Jeremy Renner's 40th birthday party in Hollywood over the weekend "looking like a mess," according to Holllyscoop.

"Scarlett was drinking vodka with lime, and was smoking cigarettes," says the source, who noted the actress — who recently separated from Ryan Reynolds — hid a shorter hairdo under a baseball cap at the party.

"She looked like she was going through a divorce," the source says.

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► Scarlett Johansson

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Owen Wilson to be a dad

Owen Wilson is getting ready to be a dad, with girlfriend Jade Buell set to give birth in Hawaii "any day now," according to Us Weekly.

Wilson is "very excited and involved with the pregnancy," a source says.

"[Owen] has been doing research and learning as much as he can."

"He's super into it and asks a lot of questions to make sure he knows what's going on every step of the way."

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Douglas wins tough battle with cancer

Michael Douglas is happy to report that he's cancer-free.

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Women officially become crazy the year they won't tell you their age...



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I don't know that I'd call it gumption but I at least have the inclination to take 3 baths a day.



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Does anyone think all these dead birds and fish is a viral marketing campaign for the movie Country Strong?



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Lesson of the day: Maybe not so wise to ask boys in the twitterverse which avatar I should use unless I am prepared to hear "kitchen scene!"

Shakira's new relationship status: Single

Pop star Shakira is single again, having split up with her longtime boyfriend, Argentinean political advisor Antonio de la Rua, according to a statement on her website.

"During our almost 11 years together we have loved each other deeply, taken care of each other and stood by one another," the statement reads.

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Sheen back to partying with porn stars

It looks like Charlie Sheen is back to his partying ways during his current visit to Las Vegas, according to Radar Online.

Sheen reportedly headed to Vegas over the

weekend for the Adult Entertainment Expo and decided to stay longer. "Charlie went there specifically to see the porn stars he stays in touch with," the source says. "He was with a lot of the porn stars in his room and he's out of control again." ● METRO

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In the midst of all these post-holiday grey days, who wouldn't need a little pick me up in the form of sub zero merry-making?

Old Quebec City is just the remedy for those winter blahs. The historic city

offers one of the oldest, (and truly coldest) winter festivals around.

When I was a young lad, I was actually afraid of that giant smiling snowman with the red toque towering above us mere mortals.

Turns out, the Bonhomme Carnaval is just as friendly as Frosty the snowman, and that is why he remains the lovable mascot of the largest winter carnival in the world. Talk about Canadian history.

After checking into the beautiful and historic Chateau Frontenac hotel

on the banks of the St. Lawrence, I was amazed at all the snowy festivities taking place all over old Quebec. Elaborate evening parades, sleigh and dog sled rides, concerts, and snow sculpting to name just a few.

The very funny and icy canoe race on the St. Lawrence River is not to be missed. And if you're really adventurous you can zip-line right through the middle of the historic Plains of Abraham, which happens to be the nucleus of the carnival. It's also a fun tradition to actually skate alongside the Bon-

homme himself, so better sharpen those blades. That chilly dude can hustle!

All this wintery fun has been part of the Quebec winter calendar since 1894, and began with the habitants of New France, who knew how to eat, drink, be merry, and get a little rowdy prior to lent.

Let's face it, this time of year there's no sense in fighting the cold ... might as well celebrate it. What better place to do that than in cool old Quebec?

This year's Quebec Winter Carnival runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

Plenty of history, heights in Quebec City

If you need a break from the Carnival, here are some other cool things to do in Quebec City.

Shop in Petit Champlain:

Check out North America's oldest shopping district, located at the foot of Dufferin Terrace in the Vieux Port. Watch actors re-enact Quebec's 400-year history, or chow down at any one of a dozen bistros.

Visit Canyon St. Anne:

Marvel at the highest pedestrian bridge in Quebec, and walk over three separate suspension bridges, past a giant waterfall. For the more adventurous, try first class bungee jumping, zip-lining and mountain biking. ● DARREN PARKMAN

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News in brief



Organizers of the Quebec Winter Carnival will be inviting visitors to spend a night in the cold, sleeping in tents on the Plains of Abraham. Tents that can accommodate up to four people will be provided along with sleeping bags in a "winter village."

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Getting scar

► Canada's capital has plenty of guests of the ghost realm ► Historical figures, criminals, even teachers

Getting into the spirit of Canada's capital usually means a day at the Parliament Buildings, a walk through the farmer's market or a visit to the many museums or galleries.

But those with a spectral frame of mind might want to skip the usual attractions and just go for the spirits themselves.

Dozens of ghosts are claimed to haunt Ottawa, living everywhere from the posh Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel to the suburbs of Barrhaven.

Some are historical figures, such as the spectre rattling around the castle-like Chateau Laurier, said to be that of Charles Melville Hays. He was general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway of Canada, which commissioned the hotel.

He travelled to Europe to choose furniture for the hotel dining room, made what turned out to be a poor choice for his return trip and sailed back on the Titanic. It sank and Hays died, never to see his grand hotel open to the public.

Ever since, guests and staff have reported seeing a man resembling Hays wandering the hotel or they have observed objects shake and move at random.

It's not the only place where visitors can lay their heads alongside Ottawa's haunted history. A hostel in the heart of downtown occupies a former prison.

The Carleton County Gaol most famous inmate was Patrick Whelan, convicted of the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation.



Whelan was executed for his crime in the last public hanging in Canada and his is one of the spirits said to roam the cellblocks now used as hostel rooms.

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- 1** Blend milk, yogurt, strawberries and maple syrup until smooth. This recipe makes 750 ml (3 cups).

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Canadian chef aims for kitchen gold

► Ryan Stone will compete in an international competition in France

When Ryan Stone hits the stage at a convention centre in Lyon, France, he'll be entering what can only be described as the Olympics of the culinary world.

"It's life-consuming," Stone says of the preparation involved in representing Canada in the glitzy Bocuse d'Or competition involving 24 countries.

Top food wizards from Argentina to Uruguay will vie for a prestigious trophy and \$35,000 euros as they prepare lamb and fish dishes in five and a half hours on Jan. 25 and 26.

A team of 12 chefs will compete each day, with Stone going head to head with his rivals on the second day of the event.

Stone says the atmosphere will be electric as 8,000 spectators watch the chefs' every move in the knock-down, drag-out event that's been held every two years since 1987.

"I compare it to watching

ing a playoff hockey game and a rock concert combined," he says. "People who are watching are really loud, they've got music pumping through the speakers there and two MCs. It's crazy."

Stone, 28, was selected in 2008 to represent Canada at this year's Bocuse d'Or from among five chefs at a competition in Montreal.

Stone's eight-member team includes a manager who has secured sponsorships, liaised with organizers in Lyon and helped launch fundraisers that will net about \$350,000 to compete at the show.

Stone says the two large silver platters that will display his lamb and fish creations cost about \$40,000, and the rest of will go toward everything from air fare to all that lamb and fish he's been cooking up over and over again for months. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Canadian chef Ryan Stone will compete at the glitzy Bocuse d'Or competition in France.

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- 2** In a large bowl, mix yolks, cream, tarragon and shallot.

Add brioche and gently mix, being sure all of the brioche is covered with the yolk cream mixture. Pack brioche mixture evenly on top of the salmon.

- 3** Bake in a 160 C (325 F) oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until salmon flakes easily with a fork.

Baking time will depend on the size of the salmon.

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Ingredients:

- 4 salmon portions (about 175 g/6 oz each)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grapeseed oil
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Depression cuts co-worker communication

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This avoidance with co-workers is not surprising given the survey also explored perceptions about

depression and found that two-fifths of diagnosed Canadians believe depression is not perceived by the public as a medical condition (43 per cent) while less than five per cent of Canadians actually have that view.

"The general population's view about depression shows that we are clearly making progress in the understanding and management of the illness. However, we need to ensure that this knowledge and empathy toward those diagnosed with depression is translated into action," said Paula Allen, vice president of organizational solutions for Shepell.fgi.

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The new year is young – and so is the decade – but if you dive right into it, you may miss the best moment to rethink your daily drudgery and set a new year's resolution in place, one more meaningful than a weight-loss program.

The first month of the year finds work loads light as workers crawl back to their stations at a post-holiday pace, which is why career counsellors say it's best to set ambitious and

intrinsically rewarding goals now – before the holiday vibe curdles like that last carton of eggnog.

"People should have ongoing goals they assess a minimum of once a year, but those goals shouldn't be just what you are going to achieve for the company, but where you want to be," says Jane Cranston, a career coach in New York.

When those old routines speed up, and the smart phones resume buzzing at a frequent pace, it can become easy to lose track of why you go through it all in the first place.

"You have to regularly ask yourself, 'How will future generations think about your contribution to the world?'" Fearless Career Change author Marky Stein notes. "It's a big, final, existential question, but it's important for people to ponder."

If that seems a broad and daunting question, set meaningful micro-goals, Cranston recommends.

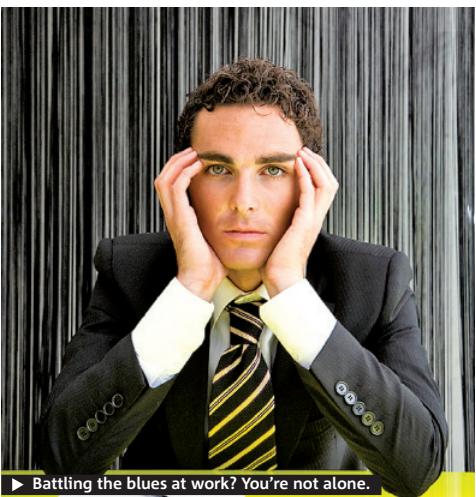
"Be fair to yourself," she stresses. "Goals should be smart – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. Break them into manageable pieces and tell another

person about your goal."

"Better yet, work together to achieve them," she continues.

However expansive or small your 2011 ambitions, there's no better time to act on them than in this lull at the beginning of the year, Stein says.

"You can get your résumé in on a week where they'll only be receiving 10 résumés instead of 150," she explains. "In January, most companies have planned their new budget and have brand new budgets for brand new positions."



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Over three or four years, the costs can add up for both parents and students.

But students do receive a number of tax credits and benefits and some of these can be passed to their parents.

"No matter who pays the tuition, the university or college issues a T2202A to the student that indicates the tax credits they can claim," says Cleo Hamel, senior tax analyst with H&R Block Canada (hrblock.ca).

Students must use

their credits first and then they can choose to transfer up to \$5,000 to a parent, grandparent or spouse."

If students cannot use all their tuition and education credits, they can carry forward the amount for future years. This can result in a sizable tax refund once they begin their careers.

"The decision to transfer credits is entirely up to the student," explains Hamel. "If parents do not have a signed T2202A, they cannot make the claim."

Even if they earn little to no income, students should file their own return to take advantage of tax credits and benefits.

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See you in CPR class

► The American Heart Association wants all U.S. secondary students to be trained in CPR ► Should Canada follow suit?



► Students perform chest compressions on baby mannequins during a CPR training class at Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Learning CPR at school has given 14-year-old Olivia Frierson more confidence when she babysits or helps out at a church nursery.

"I'm not as worried if something would happen," said Olivia, a ninth-grader at Shaker Heights High School in suburban Cleveland.

The American Heart Association thinks there should be more students like Olivia. It wants states to require high school students to learn how to give CPR and use an automated external defibrillator before they graduate.

That would "create a generation that could be trained, ready and willing to act," said Mary Fran Hazinski, a professor at

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tenn.

She's one of the authors of an advisory released Monday that the heart group developed with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians. It calls for state legislatures to require students to get CPR and AED training before graduating from high school.

At least 36 states either require or encourage cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools, according to the heart group.

Sudden cardiac arrest – when the heart suddenly stops beating – is a leading cause of death in the U.S.

The heart association says an estimated 300,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital each year. Survival, which varies greatly from region to region, is estimated to be only about eight per cent on average.

"Bystander CPR can double or triple survival," said Hazinski.

By teaching students CPR and how to use a defibrillator, "They'd be available to respond at home, in public places like malls and health clubs," she said.

At Shaker Heights High School, students learn those skills during a four-week program that's part

of a physical education class, said Stuart Gilbert, head of the school's health and PE department.

While the CPR program isn't required for graduation, the majority of the ninth-graders take the PE class, he said. The students are at a "perfect age" for the classes, he said, because they're babysitting and getting other jobs that require such skills, like being a lifeguard," he said.

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► The slippery (and costly) path of self-representation

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court. Since the majority of small claims matters relate to simple claims, a lawyer's involvement is often unnecessary. However, in workplace law cases, where questions of fact and law are disputed, seldom can an unrepresented individual adequately conduct a trial, a fact overlooked by the government's brochure.

She also was dissuaded from retaining a lawyer for fear of the costs. In her view, if she could obtain close to the same result that I could, then why pay for my time if she could save her money by fighting the case on her own. However, this only made sense if she won her case — a point she completely ignored when rejecting my offer to take on her matter.

Recently, I received a frantic call from her on the verge of her trial hoping that I would now take her case. Her employer was not prepared to settle, as I had predicted, and a pre-trial judge had ordered her to retain a lawyer, since he felt that she was incapable of arguing her own case. What's worse is that she was ordered to pay her employer's legal costs for the preliminary hearing, a result usually limited to frivolous claims.

As her claim fell within the jurisdiction of the small claims court, she relied on a free brochure, provided by the government, which explains that lawyers are not mandatory for small claims

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Andrew Gordon of Porters Lake is going to — and starting in — the American Hockey League all-star game in Hershey, Pa., on Jan. 31. The fourth-year Hershey Bears right-winger has 18 goals and 18 assists for 36 points in 31 games. He also has appeared in eight games with the Washington Capitals this season, scoring his first career NHL goal.



Cavalry still have edge on Rainmen

► Cavalry only unbeaten team in PBL after dealing Rainmen first loss

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The Halifax Rainmen know there's no shame in losing to the champs.

But the Rainmen also make no secret about the fact they want to be the champs, and last night's 105-94 loss to the powerhouse Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry revealed they have a lot of hard work ahead to reach their lofty goal.

The Cavalry, a veteran team that won last year's Premier Basketball League title and captured Continental Basketball Association crowns in 2008 and 2009, took it to the Rainmen before the announced crowd of 2,100, leading by as many as 23 in the third quarter.

"They're a veteran team, they took advantage of all the mismatches, they know how to put the ball in the hole, and they play with poise," said Rainmen guard Mike Mercer.

"We're a young team, and those are things we have to learn."

The Rainmen, who were swept by the Cavalry in the semifinals last April, shot just .341 in the first half and fell behind 52-37 at the break.

They mustered just 13 points in the second quar-

ter.

The gap only widened in the third quarter, and the Rainmen didn't start mounting a comeback effort until late in the frame. By then, it was too late.

"It just fell apart all the way through," said Rainmen forward Kavon Jones. "Our intensity level wasn't high, and playing this team, the defending champs, we've got to come with that intensity level because they bring it."

The Rainmen relied on their top guns for most of the night, getting double-digits from six players. Leading the way were Tallek Brown who had 18, Jones 16, Mercer 15 and Josh Dollard 13.

On a positive note, the Rainmen cut the deficit to 10 with 6:54 to go and were within eight points in the final minute.

The two teams meet again on March 11 in Oklahoma.

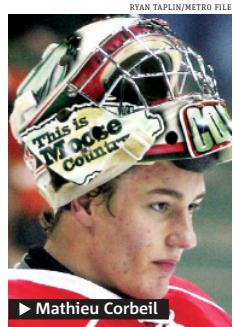
"This is a brand new team," Mercer said of the Rainmen.

"They (the Cavalry) have their whole team back from last year. They've had time to build chemistry. But we're gonna get there. That's what we strive to be. We want to be champions and we want to build our team after them."



► Rainmen forward Mike Mercer dunks the ball against the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry during the first quarter of last night's PBL game at the Metro Centre. The Cavalry defeated the Rainmen 105-94.

Corbeil upstaged in first Sea Dogs victory



Mathieu Corbeil earned a victory in his first start with the Saint John Sea Dogs last night, though it was P.E.I. Rocket goaltender Evan Mosher who stole the show.

The nationally top-ranked Sea Dogs fired an astonishing 67 shots on Mosher to the Rocket's 17 on Corbeil and ultimately triumphed in a shootout, earning a 3-2 win.

Mosher was named the first star.

The 19-year-old Corbeil, who was traded from the Halifax Mooseheads last week for stopper Frederic Piché and a 2012 third-round draft pick, made 15 saves and turned aside two of three shootout attempts.

Cole Harbour's Stephen MacAulay had two assists for the Sea Dogs and former Dartmouth Subways star Michael Kirkpatrick had a goal and an assist.

Sports in brief



O'Brien player of the week

QMJHL. Acadie-Bathurst Titan forward Zach O'Brien was named Canadian Hockey League player of the week yesterday. He had 10 points (four goals, six assists) and a

plus-five rating over three games last week. O'Brien, an 18-year-old native of St. John's, N.L., has 39 points in 38 games.

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Huskies climb CIS rankings

CIS HOCKEY. The Saint Mary's Huskies have climbed one spot to No. 4 in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey ranking. The defending national champions are second in Atlantic University Sport standings with a 12-4-1 record. ● METRO

Habs. Take Manhattan

► Steve Eminger of the New York Rangers finishes a check against Lars Eller of the Montreal Canadiens last night at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

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Canadiens eke one out against Rangers

Jaroslav Spacek scored the tying goal in the second period and Benoit Pouliot put Montreal ahead for good in the third as the Canadiens beat New York 2-1 last night and snapped the Rangers' three-game winning streak. New York came out flying early, but couldn't sustain the momentum after Brandon Dubinsky gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead at 4:15 of the first period. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sedin vs. Sedin? It could happen

► With players selected for all-star game, interest grows in whether they'll be split in draft

Vancouver's super Sedin twins are both headed to the NHL all-star game. Will they play on the same team?

That won't be decided until a couple days before the Jan. 30 game at RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C., where a format change will see two captains select the squads in a live draft.

Daniel and Henrik Sedin

have played together virtually their entire lives — in minor hockey, with hometown Modo in the Swedish Elite League and finally with the Canucks. Depending on how the draft plays out at the all-star game, they may finally be split up.

"That one is going to be interesting," NHL executive Brendan Shanahan along with the Sedin twins.

said yesterday in an interview. "There are a lot of questions with this format that people are curious to see answered."

The league's hockey operations department selected the final 36 players for the game and included the top three forwards from the league-leading Canucks — Ryan Kesler

along with the Sedin twins.

Representation from the other Canadian teams comes from goalie Carey Price (Montreal), defenceman Erik Karlsson (Ottawa) and forwards Jarome Iginla (Calgary), Phil Kessel (Toronto) and Ales Hemsky (Edmonton).

The most highly anticipated aspect of the weekend is the player fantasy draft, which Shanahan in-

troduced in an effort to add some spice to the event.

The only rules governing the 18-round draft is that all goalies must be selected by each team's 10th pick while all defencemen have to be off the board by the 15th selections — guaranteeing a forward gets taken last.

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Sky's the limit for Vick

Here's a scary thought for Michael Vick's opponents: He could play even better next year.

Vick had the best season of his career and led the Philadelphia Eagles to an NFC East title without the benefit of practising as the starting quarterback until Week 2 of the season.

There's no telling how well he would've played had he spent the entire off-season, all the organized team activities, minicamps and training camp preparing with the rest of the first-team offence and working with coach Andy Reid and offensive co-ordinator Marty Mornhinweg.

"I think going through a whole training camp and just being here, being with Andy, he knows a lot of things that I need to work on, that'll make me a lot better as a quarterback," Vick said. "It'll pay huge dividends for me, so I'll be excited about that. I'll follow the same routine I had last year, keep the same attitude and the same work ethic."

Vick began the season as the backup to Kevin Kolb. He got his chance when Kolb sustained a concussion in the opener, and forced Reid to make him the permanent starter with one dynamic performance after another.

Vick was selected to start the Pro Bowl, his fourth trip to Hawaii in eight seasons. He set career highs in yards passing (3,018), touchdowns passing (21), touchdowns rushing (9), completion percentage (62.6) and passer rating (100.2). The Eagles (10-7) were 8-3 in games he started and finished.

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Hoffman hangs up his cleats

Baseball's all-time saves leader Trevor Hoffman has thrown his final changeup, deciding at age 43 to retire and return to the San Diego Padres in a front-office job.

The Beverly Hills Sports Council, which represents Hoffman, confirmed yesterday he is done after recording 601 saves in 18 seasons. Hoffman played the

bulk of his career with San Diego after being acquired as a rookie from the Florida Marlins in 1993 during the Padres' infamous "fire sale" that stripped away most of their high-paid veteran players.

He left San Diego as a free agent following the 2008 season after contract talks abruptly ended, and pitched with the Milwaukee Brewers for two seasons.

MLB.com first reported Hoffman's retirement.

Hoffman didn't return messages seeking comment. He is scheduled to appear at a news conference at Pet-

co Park this morning. Padres co-owner Jeff Moorad said Hoffman will spend the next year familiarizing himself with several departments, including baseball operations, and then the two sides will determine what area will be best for him.

"Clearly, Trevor is one of the most significant players that the organization has ever had and we felt it only appropriate for him to return to the Padres family," Moorad told The Associated Press.

"We're thrilled that he was agreeable with coming back."

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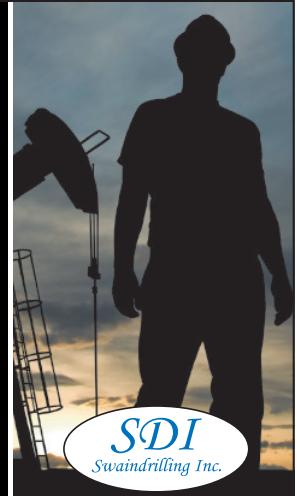
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► It's big in Europe. The question is, will Canadians get it?



Say hello to Fiat's fuel-saving funster

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It's called the Cinquecento in Italy, but the Fiat 500 spells cheeky fuel-saving funster in any language.

Of all the many new arrivals from the revitalized Chrysler organization, the one car on everyone's mind is the Italian designed, built-in-Mexico Fiat.

The original 500 dates back to 1957 and was Fiat's way to get Italians off their Vespa motor scooters and into a more practical four-wheeled conveyance.

At the time, French, German and other European

automakers were busy ramping up production of their own tiny cars, a pattern that the British would also follow with the advent of the Mini in 1959.

The Mini's successful 2003 relaunch under BMW's direction set the stage for a similar return for a brand new Fiat 500 that arrived in Europe for 2007 following a three decade absence.

It's now set to debut here as a 2012 model.

Any comparisons between the 500 to the Mini are inescapable, although the Fiat is a full 15 centimetres shorter and 5.6 centimetres narrower than its

2012 Fiat 500

What you should know about the 2012 Fiat 500:

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre four-cylinder (101).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.).

competitor and provides 16.5 centimetres less distance between the front and rear wheels. The 500 hatchback's diminutive size is slightly offset by a relatively tall roofline, but it still remains the smallest four-seater on the market.

Chrysler-Fiat refers to the 500 as having "city-friendly proportions," which translates into room for two adults in front plus a couple of very small children or pets occupying the folding rear seat. That should be of only passing concern for the hordes of 500 fans who will likely flock to the 58 newly branded Fiat dealerships in Canada for an early viewing and test-drive of this iconic small car.

Given the 500's relatively minuscule engine, its footprint is not likely to be that big, but Fiat is obviously banking on big success for its little gas sipping. If initial interest and upwardly creeping fuel prices continue, the 500 could wind up batting 1000.

By comparison

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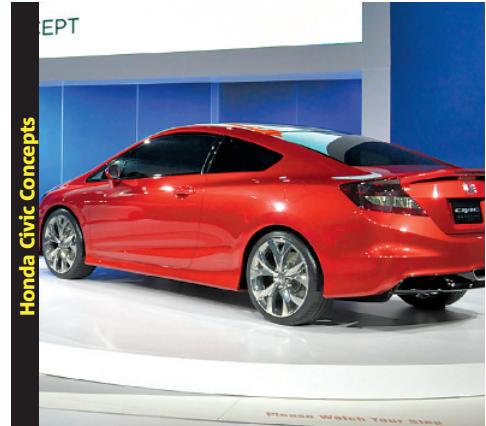


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If you're looking for fresh, tasty and crispy vehicular selections, an international auto show can't be beat. The Detroit auto show has always been particularly bountiful in that regard, and this year's installment just under way is no exception. Here are five Detroit debuts we think will flourish.

**Audi A6 Hybrid**

Audi showed off its new A6 at Detroit, and announced that a hybrid version will join the lineup. Expect the non-hybrid to utilize the current 300-hp supercharged 3.0-litre V6. The hybrid will use a tag-team powertrain: the 211-hp turbocharged 2.0-litre I4 and a 45-hp electric motor with 39 kW lithium-ion battery pack, promising V6 power with four-cylinder fuel economy. In EV mode, the A6 can hit 100 km/h and cover three kilometres at a speed of 60 km/h.

**Honda Civic Concepts****Ford Vertrek Concept****Mercedes SLS AMG E-CELL**

Honda brought Civic concepts to Detroit, giving the world its first glimpse into the styling direction of the waiting-in-the-wings, ninth-generation Civic.

Styling is an evolution of its current "one-motion mono-form" shape, and the mission statement continues to be "Civic for all people," meaning there will be a Civic for all tastes, including a sedan and coupe with conventional gasoline engines, two sporty "Si" performance versions, a hybrid, and a natural gas version as well (though don't expect the latter in Canada).

The Vertrek is a concept vehicle to reveal Ford's vision for the Escape replacement. It is based on Ford's global "C" platform, which underpins the new Focus sedan and the coming C-Max microvan. The current Escape is built on a larger platform that can take a V6. The C platform is wall-to-wall four-cylinder power; the Vertrek features the 1.6-litre EcoBoost.

This Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG E-CELL is a car with a lot of capital letters, but that's okay with us, because it looks real COOL and goes real FAST and doesn't burn any PETROLEUM. This gull-wing sports car is packing a 480 kW lithium-ion battery pack, feeding four compact electric motors. Said motors spin to 12,000 rpm and generate the equivalent of 526 horses.

**Hyundai Curb Concept**

The Curb concept signals that Hyundai also wants to join the burgeoning "very expressive crossover based on a compact car" niche, which is currently comprised of such entries as Nissan Juke and Kia Soul.

It is also a test bed for Hyundai's connectivity technologies; witness the large acrylic touch-screen panel with multiple zones, which allows information to be passed among the vehicle's occupants, and BlueLink, which functions much like GM's OnStar system.

Trucks dominate 2010 Canadian pop charts

2010 was a wacky year for Canadian car sales.

Some economic disaster, some recovery. Companies on life support, and then rebounding nicely. The Toyota recall thing. Gas prices shooting up and staying there. Big buzz about small

cars and electrics.

But all this did nothing to shake up the top-10 sales list.

The 2010 list looks just like last year, with full-size pickups dominating the proceedings. Three of the top five sellers were full-size pickups — Ford F-150,

the GM twins (Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra), and Dodge Ram.

Why do Canadians buy so many full-size pickups?

Analysts point to recovery in the small business sector, which buys a lot of trucks, and incentives —

they were going very cheap almost all year.

Small cars didn't take off, said the same analysts,

because small-car buyers are the ones most affected when the economy goes sour. And people seem to be ignoring gas prices any-

ways, and buying vehicles they want, and not necessarily the gas misers.

In terms of overall sales,

we're almost back to pre-Lehman Brother standards. Over 1.5 million were sold in 2010, a six percent or so tick over last year.

With Toyota's miss-steps and GM's downsizing, Ford cashed in and became Canada's top selling brand, and Chrysler took third place back from Toyota. The Korean and European brands also had great years.

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Now in its third generation on sale in Canada, the second-generation of Toyota's iconic ecological warrior has now transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

The second-generation Prius was available from 2004 to 2009 solely as a five-door, front-drive hatchback. Of course, the main draws to a vehicle like this one are related to environmental responsibility and reduced fuel bills more than performance and styling. An

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- Model: 2004 to 2009 Toyota Prius
- Vehicle Type: 5-door hybrid
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The Prius was powered by a small gasoline engine and electric motor system that offered net output of 110 horsepower.

An on-board battery is recharged by a generator that's driven by the gas engine, so there's no need to plug the vehicle in.

In some situations, the Prius can even drive along solely on stored power using no fuel whatsoever.

Prius offers a unique driving experience to be sure — though compromises are minimal.

It's not an entirely differ-



► 2004 Toyota Prius.

ent machine to drive than any other small car, and it came with the same features and hardware you'd find in any other compact car — including premium audio, Bluetooth, power accessories and air condition-

ing.

What Owners Like

Most last-generation Prius owners rave about exceptional fuel economy, great manoeuvrability, a quiet and comfortable city ride and plenty of available

high-tech features. Relatively generous on-board storage capacity is also noted.

What Owners Hate:

Common complaints include rearward visibility, modest-at-best power output for passing and merg-

ing, and uncomfortable seats.

Be sure you're able to get comfortable in the driver's seat of the Prius you're considering.

Common Issues:

The low fuel usage and emissions of the Prius make it an attractive used car buy, though many shoppers aren't comfortable with the un-proven reliability of hybrid cars in the long term.

Thankfully, the last-generation Prius looks fairly reliable.

Niggling electronic issues will likely prove more prevalent than major drivetrain-related problems.

For instance, the stereo system, digital instrument cluster and navigation systems may work sporadically or quit altogether.

Make sure all function as expected on a test-drive.

The Verdict:

If you've decided that a well-maintained Prius will be joining your family soon, you shouldn't expect any serious issues.

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What is the future of the automobile?

According to Jim Kor of Winnipeg, whose Kor Eco-Logic company is working on the three-wheeled Urbee hybrid, it's a vehicle that's durable, economical, safe, can be rebuilt after it has worked reliably for a long time, and can ultimately be recycled.

"I never started out to be in the car business," says Kor, who is working with a team of Canadian engineers and designers on the Urbee (Urban Electric Ethanol).

"It was all inquisitive. I wanted to see what was the least amount of energy I needed to do daily trips."

The Urbee uses an eight-horsepower engine mated to an electric motor and battery pack. It runs on electricity at low speeds and liquid fuel at highway speeds for maximum efficiency, and although the engine is small, the Urbee can reach 120 km/h.



► Jim Kor and a model of the Urbee.

It has a stainless steel frame and plastic body, and Kor says he expects the price to be about \$20,000.

If all goes as planned, you should be able to buy one in about three years. Kor sees it as the perfect car for running errands or as a family's second car.

The project is still at the first prototype stage, although the chassis has been driven; Kor expects to have it together and operational by March.

Plugged into a wall to charge its battery and using gasoline or ethanol to extend its range, it could run on about 60 cents per day.

Kor says he's considering offering a solar kit that would mount on the garage and power the Urbee via the sun.

The Urbee is also being optimized for ethanol, a renewable fuel, although Kor says that it may initially have to run on gasoline because ethanol still isn't readily available to many drivers.

The Urbee is also making use of several innovative technologies in its creation, including a plastic body created via a 3D computer printer, and curved "hand-bent" glass that's blown into a metal jig.

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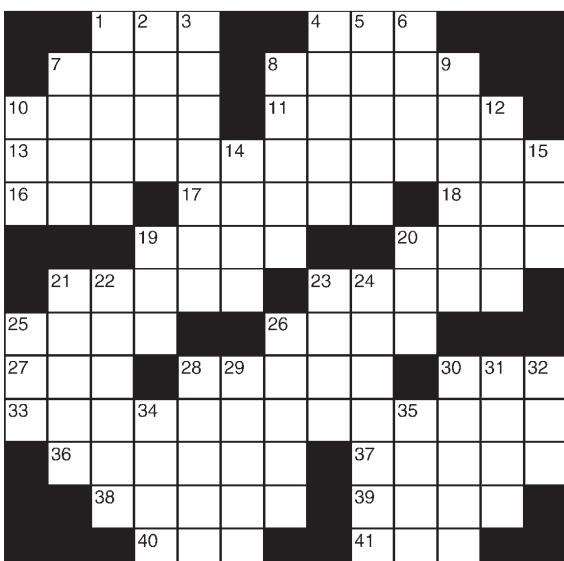


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Across

1 Cornfield cry
4 Exec's deg.
7 Sea eagle
8 First Lady before Michelle
10 Sports venue
11 Science of light
13 Body of water in Utah
16 Cleopatra's slayer
17 Detests
18 U.S. spy org.
19 — support
20 Fifth
21 Sly smile
23 Halloween option
25 — and carrots
26 Subject, often
27 Early bird?
28 Shows signs of aging
30 Hot tub
33 Something insignificant
36 Midday rest
37 Quaff
38 Art support
39 On the rocks
40 Part of UCLA
41 Curvy character



Down

1 Hardly Mr. Right
2 Faris or Paquin
3 Newscaст portion
4 Syrup choice
5 Ashtray fill
6 Seed cover
7 Makes a mistake
8 Averse
9 Gum arabic
10 Khan title

12 Blouse companion
14 Santa's load
15 Consume
19 "— the season ..."
20 Lair
21 Bell-shaped flowers
22 The youngest Simpson
23 14-Down's contents
24 "The Satanic Verses" author
25 Corral
26 Of birth
28 Painting surface



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You're a rebel by nature, and with Mars linked to disruptive Uranus today, you will be inclined to rock the boat even more than usual. Don't rock it so hard though that you risk falling out yourself.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

A Mars-Uranus aspect will endow you with all the energy you need to get things done. Before the day is over you will have accomplished something remarkable.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

A deal you made a long time ago will pay off today and you will be mightily pleased that you had the foresight to invest in something that others said was a dud. Was it just luck?

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Even if you are the kind of Cancer who likes to keep a low profile, today you will leave someone in no doubt of what you think about what he or she is up to.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

One way or the other you will make your presence felt today, especially on the work front where those who cannot keep up with your relentless pace will soon be left far behind.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Today's cosmic activity will give you the confidence to step into the spotlight and let employers and other important people know what you are capable of. Don't worry about being over-ambitious.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Today, act only if it is absolutely necessary. For best results you should let others make the first move. It will work in your favour.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You won't hesitate to call it as you see it today and, inevitably, some people will be shocked at how blunt you can be. But if that's what it takes to grab their attention, so be it.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If someone suggests that the best way to show your love for him or her is to spend even more of your cash, it may be time to rethink your relationship. You may not care about money, but what about self-respect?

Sudoku

7	1	8		4			5
4	1	3	5				
8	2						
7				4	8	9	

6	4	3			1		
				6		1	
5		7	1	6			
5		9	8	2	7		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

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6	7	2	5	8	1	3	9	4

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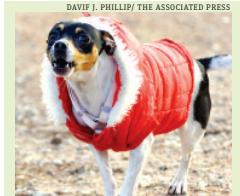
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